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MANCHESTER MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, N.H. Attorney General Peter Heed, N.H. Drug Task Force Commander James Norris, and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka announced that Israel Hernandez, 37, of 335 Cypress Street, Manchester, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for crack cocaine distribution charges.

Hernandez' sentence was the result of his plea of guilty in July of this year to two counts of distributing crack cocaine in Manchester in February, 2002. He was sentenced to 75 months imprisonment. Hernandez was also sentenced to three years of supervised release following his imprisonment.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "The prosecution of this case and others like it represents the continuing efforts of local and state law enforcement, working jointly with the United States Attorney's Office to eradicate cocaine from the streets of New Hampshire. "

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the collaborative efforts of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force and the Manchester Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Helen White Fitzgibbon.